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AT THE SECOND SESSION

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one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six*

An Act

To require the registration of certain persons who have knowledge of or have received instruction or assignment in the espionage, counter espionage, or sabotage service or tactics of a foreign government or foreign political party, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 20 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 is amended by repealing subsection (a), and by deleting the designation "(b)" which appears in said section.

SEC. 2. Except as provided in section 3 of this Act, every person who has knowledge of, or has received instruction or assignment in, the espionage, counterespionage, or sabotage service or tactics of a government of a foreign country or of a foreign political party, shall register with the Attorney General by filing with the Attorney General a registration statement in duplicate, under oath, prepared and filed in such manner and form, and containing such statements, information, or documents pertinent to the purpose and objectives of this Act as the Attorney General, having due regard for the national security and the public interest, by regulations prescribes.

SEC. 3. The registration requirements of section 2 of this Act do not apply to any person—

(a) who has obtained knowledge of or received instruction or assignment in the espionage, counterespionage, or sabotage service or tactics of a foreign government or foreign political party by reason of civilian, military, or police service or employment with the United States Government, the governments of the several States, their political subdivisions, the District of Columbia, the Territories, or the Canal Zone;

(b) who has obtained such knowledge solely by reason of academic or personal interest not under the supervision of or in preparation for service with the government of a foreign country or a foreign political party;

(c) who has made full disclosure of such knowledge, instruction, or assignment to officials within an agency of the United States Government having responsibilities in the field of intelligence, which disclosure has been made a matter of record in the files of such agency, and concerning whom a written determination has been made by the Attorney General or the Director of Central Intelligence that registration would not be in the interest of national security;

(d) whose knowledge of, or receipt of instruction or assignment in, the espionage, counterespionage, or sabotage service or tactics of a government of a foreign country or of a foreign political party, is a matter of record in the files of an agency of the United States Government having responsibilities in the field of intelligence and concerning whom a written determination is made by the Attorney General or the Director of Central Intelligence, based on all information available, that registration would not be in the interest of national security;

(e) who is a duly accredited diplomatic or consular officer of a foreign government, who is so recognized by the Department of State, while he is engaged exclusively in activities which are recognized by the Department of State as being within the scope of the functions of such officer, and any member of his immediate family who resides with him;